BAYFIELD

Minutes of the **BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 5:00 PM

Members Present: Jim Crandall, Marty Milanowski, Jeremy Oswald and Steve Sandstrom

Member Present via TEAMS: Larry Fickbohm

Others Present: Bob Anderson, Highway Commissioner, Jaime Cadotte, Bookkeeper, Trails North ATV Club: Cheryl Schmidt, Vern Schmidt, Sally Wilson, Julie Bender, Kristina Sorensen, Carrie Winningham, Joel Kaufmann, Sue Ramsey. **Others Present via Teams:** Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator, Patrick Norton

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Crandall.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2023.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Milanowski / Sandstrom and carried to approve the minutes of June 7, 2023.

Audit vouchers: Vouchers were audited. Motion by Milanowski / Oswald and carried to approve the vouchers as presented totaling \$3,096,519.05.

Public Comment: Trails North ATV Club members are present for questions or concerns about the agenda item on ATV/UTV trails. Safety hasn't been a concern to open segments and the ATV club recommends opening all roads to ATV/UTV's.

Parking Lot at USH 2 and CTH G: Mark Abeles-Allison would like to see improvements to the parking lot (paving, lighting) and make it a Park & Ride. The parking lot is on the WisDOT right of way and a motion by Oswald/ Sandstrom and carried to have Bob Anderson talk to WisDot about improvements to the parking lot.

Alter approval of Aid to Town of Washburn: Discussion to recommend or alter approval of Aid for the Town of Washburn-Wanebo Road culvert lining. Highway Committee will take no action, Bridge Aid is where it stands.

County Bridge Aid Policy: Discussion to revise current Bridge Aid Policy to say that local and county bridge aid cannot be used on the same project. Motion to amend the policy by Sandstrom/Milanowski and carried and approved.

Opening all roads to ATV/UTV's: Crandall explains that the agenda item reads "opening all trails" but it should say "opening all roads" and because of that, the committee cannot take any action on this today. Abeles-Allison suggests putting it on the agenda next month and possibly putting out a notice, so the public is aware of it.

Commissioner Reports:

- A. Bob Anderson and other Commissioners went to the Secretary of Transportation with concerns about cutbacks to State Highway maintenance. As a result, the winter component of the RMA was removed and treating the rest of the year as normal.
- B. Keith Bailey was selected as the Highway Operations Foreman.
- C. Patrolman position open in Port Wing, position closes July 9, 2023.
- D. 2023 WCHA-LDG Annual Road School- Jake Benson, Patrol Superintendent will be attending.
- E. 2023 Projects:
 - i. CTH N, CTH A US 63, 7.9 miles Paving is complete, and everything looks good.
 - ii. CTH A, CTH N Kelly Lake Road, 1.22 miles Paving is complete, and everything looks good.
 - iii. Cable Garage Scheduled to pour the slab next week. August 20 is the scheduled completion date.
 - iv. CTH H Still trying to put project together, got chips from Angelo Lupino and asking Burnett County to do the chip sealing.
 - v. Completed two projects for Forestry at Twin Bear for overflow parking and at Delta Lake Campground Parking. Also doing some work on Flag Road for Foresty.

Committee Input:

Committee is wondering if there were any incidents from the recent rainfall, Bob Anderson states that we had no incidents. Oswald states that he and Crandall were presented with nice plaques from the Wisconsin County Highway Association for their service and says thank you.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Bob Anderson, Highway Commissioner Bayfield County Highway Department

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